



Photo by Purdy, Boston.

MISS ELLEN M. STONE.

The famous missionary who was ransomed from Bulgarian brigands, is returning to the scene of her former trouble.

CIVIL SUIT AGAINST TOM PLATT.

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 6.—Mae C. Wood today filed a civil suit in the district court against United States Senator Thomas C. Platt and the United States Express Company for \$25,000 for alleged services rendered to the defendant, Miss Wood's petition says that while she was employed by the government in the postoffice department at Washington she rendered service to the defendant by "tipping off" the inside workings of the office and by assisting to keep out of Postmaster General Payne's annual report of May, 1902, a recommendation of the "post check" system, thus saving the express company several hundred thousand dollars.

G. A. R. PARADE AT DENVER.

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Col., Sept. 6.—The main event of the Grand Army encampment, speaking from the viewpoint of the rank and file was the grand parade which occurred today. It took the parade three hours and five minutes to pass the grand stand, in front of which was the reviewing stand. On the latter stood the national officers of the Grand Army, and distinguished guests and in the grand stand sat thousands of spectators.

Large Cities Were in Control.

(By Associated Press.)
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Sept. 6.—Delegates from large cities today controlled the national convention of postoffice clerks defeating the mutual insurance scheme. Officers were elected as follows: President, Arthur Donohoe, Chicago; vice-president, Thomas B. Fenny, Boston; secretary, Hugh McGee, Buffalo; treasurer, P. S. Wynne, New York; sergeant-at-arms, Maurice A. Buttner, Savannah, Ga.

Linevitch Reports Jan. Advance.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 6.—Telegraphing to Emperor Nicholas under date of September 5, General Linevitch reported that the Japanese, on September 4, started to advance along the Maudslayi road, and commenced constructing outposts, but retired after meeting the Russian artillery fire.

Seeks to Reconcile the French.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Sept. 6.—The Temps this evening printed a dispatch from Tangier, saying that couriers from Fez reported that the Sultan is seeking to reconcile the French minister by granting partial satisfaction of the demands of France so as to prevent the departure of the legation.

Jap and American to Wrestle.

(By Associated Press.)
ASHBURY, N. C., Sept. 6.—Prof. A. Ono, Jiu Jitsu wrestler of Japan, and instructor of the art at Annapolis naval academy, and Charles Olson, champion wrestler of Illinois, have signed articles for a mixed wrestling match in this city September 15.

Pensioning Judges in England.

It is considered an essential condition of the English court system that the judges shall be absolutely independent financially; that their salaries shall be so large and provision for their future shall upon their retirement be so ample they need at no time of their service have any monetary anxiety. There are now no fewer than eight ex-judges in receipt of total pensions amounting to \$121,602.50 a year. A judge who continues on the bench after completing fifteen years' service really does his work for \$7,209.76 a year, the difference between his salary and pension. The lord chancellor is entitled to a pension of \$24,332.50 a year for life, however short his tenure of the chancellorship.

The King of Korea.

Only the king of Korea may raise goats or have round columns and square rafters to his house or wear a hat of brilliant red. Only the king may look upon the faces of the queen's hundreds of attendant ladies or have any building outside of which there are more than three steps. Four steps would be high treason and would cost their owner a traitor's death.

EARLY DIAMOND BUYING.

South Africa's First Finds Were Paid For In Cows.

South Africa's first diamonds were paid for in cows. The story is told by Joseph B. Robinson, one of the wealthy pioneers of that country. In 1879 he gave eight oxen and a wagon loaded with sugar and tobacco to a native in exchange for a twenty-three carat gem. "The news spread like wildfire through the countryside that a white man was giving away wagons and oxen for bits of stone," he says. "I set all the natives who came to work to seek for diamonds on one side of the Vaal river, and I brought up my own fifty men to hunt for diamonds among the bushes and scrub on the other side of the stream. I had bought the land on both sides of the river, so that I was working on my own property. Next morning at sunrise, when I was having my coffee, I was startled by a loud hulla-ballooing, and, looking out, I saw the whole gang of my men rushing toward me in a state of wild excitement.

"One of them had found a diamond of good size. They all had come to see what I would do with it. 'What will you give me for it?' said the finder. 'I will give you ten cows,' I replied and sent the man into the herd to take his pick. He marked ten of the best cows as his own. The men had never dreamed of making such a bargain. Ten cows for a bit of stone! Off they went again and found diamonds every day. They became rich, and I accumulated a good store of precious stones.

"After we had accumulated a large quantity we decided we would better send them to London. We made a belt full of small pockets, in each of which we placed a diamond. When the belt was filled my partner girded it about his body and started for Cape Town. He never took off the belt until he reached London. And it was in this way the first consignment of African diamonds reached London."

THE INDIAN'S GAIT.

It Gives Him Perfect Balance, With Great Economy of Force.

A woodsman walks with a rolling motion, his hips swaying an inch or more to the stepping side, and his pace is correspondingly long. This hip action may be noticed to an exaggerated degree in the stride of a professional pedestrian, but the latter walks with a heel and toe step, whereas an Indian's or sailor's step is more nearly flat footed. In the latter case the center of gravity is covered by the whole foot. The pole is as secure as that of a ropewalker. The toes are pointed straight forward or even a trifle inward, so that the inside of the heel, the outside of the ball of the foot and the smaller toes all do their share of work and assist in balancing. Walking in the woods in this manner one is not so likely either to trip over projecting roots, stones and other traps as he would be if the feet formed hooks by pointing outward. The advantage is obvious in snowshoeing. If the Indian were turned to stone while in the act of stepping the statue would probably stand balanced on one foot. This gait gives the limbs great control over his movements. He is always poised. If a stick cracks under him it is because of his weight and not by reason of the impact. He goes silently on and with great economy of force. His steady balance enables him to put his moving foot down as gently as you would lay an egg on the table.—Field and Stream.

Speak Good of the Living.

Few will be found to dispute the spirit of the old Latin proverb "De mortuis nil nisi bonum." Is it not a pity, however, that we are all so inclined to offer fulsome adulation of the dead, about whom, while living, nothing was too vile to say? This is not to be understood as criticism unfavourably the natural tendency to forget the faults and foibles and to remember only the virtues of the people who have "gone on before," but it does seem too bad that more even justice, greater toleration and charity cannot be shown to the living.—Success.

Lovers of Coffee.

The London Globe doubts whether there is anywhere in the world a place more addicted to coffee than the little island of Grix, about nine miles distant from Lorient. The customs' records show that the annual consumption of coffee in the island is about 90,000 pounds. Now, the population is 5,300, and, as the men pass practically their whole lives afloat as seamen, this large quantity must be consumed by about 3,000 women, children and old men. It works out at thirty pounds a head per annum.

A Healthy Puppy.

"There's only one good thing about that young puppy that came to see you last night," said the irascible father, "and that is he's healthy."

"I'm surprised to hear you admit that much," replied the dutiful daughter.

"I wouldn't except for the fact that when you met him in the hall last night I heard you say, 'Oh, George, how cold your nose is!'"

Well Guarded Girls.

In New Guinea parents send their daughters to bed in a little house at the top of a tree every night, and when the girls have gone up the ladder is removed, so that there is no coming down till the parents allow it. Elopements under these circumstances must be difficult, and parents no doubt sleep the sounder for knowing that their girls are unable to take their walk abroad until their elders see fit for them to do so.—London Lady.

A PERFUME THAT SMELLS.

The Awful Odor That Comes From Pure Attar of Roses.

The perfumer took from his desk a small flask of copper. "In flasks like this attar of roses comes to us," he said. "Attar of roses is worth from \$10 to \$25 an ounce, according to the market. This flask is empty now, but in it a little odor still lingers."

The visitor smiled delightedly. He had never smelt pure attar of roses before. Now he unscrewed the stopper and, closing his eyes, with an ecstatic look he applied his nostrils to the flask. But only for an instant. Then he threw back his head, twisting his features into a grimace of disgust, and he exclaimed:

"Garbage! Bone yards! Glue factories!"

The perfumer laughed. "All essential oils smell like that," he said. "Yet no good perfume can be made without them."

He took from a shelf a cut glass jar filled with a thick, yellowish oil that looked like petroleum partly refined.

"In this jar," he said, "there are forty ounces of pure attar of roses worth over \$500. You know how the attar smells alone. Now watch me make a rich perfume by adding things to it."

He put a few drops of the attar into a vial. He filled the vial with spirits of musk, another of orris, then one of neroli, one of rose, of violet, of orange, of vanilla, and, finally, the oil of cloves and bergamot.

"There," he said, "smell that. Isn't it exquisite?"

"Exquisite!" said the visitor. "Well, without its foundation of the malodorous and costly attar of roses it wouldn't smell any better than a plate of soup."—New York Herald.

As a Clasher.

"I'm not so particular about speed, but I must have a gentle horse," repeated Mr. Green. "My wife wants to drive, you see. Will you warrant this horse to be safe?"

"Certainly," said the dealer reassuringly. "He's a regular lady's horse."

"You are sure he's not afraid of anything?" asked Mr. Green anxiously and for the tenth time.

The dealer assumed an air of reflection.

"Well, there is one thing that he has always appeared to be afraid of ever since I got him," he admitted conscientiously. "It seems as if he's scared to death for fear some one might say 'Whoo!' and he not hear it."

Ancient Bridge Superstition.

A primitive notion existed among the Romans and other races that a bridge was an offense and injury to the river god, as it saved people from being drowned while fording or swimming across and robbed the deity of a certain number of victims which were his due. For many centuries in Rome propitiatory offerings of human victims were made every year to the Tiber. Men and women were drowned by being bound and flung from the wooden Sublian bridge, which, till nearly the end of the republican period, was the one and only bridge across the Tiber in Rome.

SALT LAKE WATER.

Effect of Its Wonderful Buoyancy on Bodies and Boats.

The buoyancy of the water of the Great Salt Lake is such that it is almost impossible for a person to remain upright in it, his body being lifted as a strip of wood thrown into the water at a vertical or oblique direction like a dart is returned to the surface in a horizontal position. In fact, it is believed that the Great Salt Lake will support more weight to a given volume of water than even the Dead sea. It is a very popular resort with bathers for the reason that it is impossible for a person to drown unless he should deliberately place his head under the surface or tie a weight to his feet. The bather can float upon the water, lying on his back or chest, and keep his head entirely above the surface with no effort of the arms or legs. The large quantity of salt in solution is the principal reason for the buoyancy. While the buoyancy of the water is so great that it will support a person without aid, the boats which are designed to be used upon the lake must be constructed especially to counteract this feature. The ordinary wooden vessel when empty is actually too light to be navigated with safety upon it, since such a small portion of it would be immersed. Therefore care has to be taken, in building sailboats especially, lest they be too heavy. For this reason navigation is very dangerous on the lake when the wind is blowing even moderately unless the vessel is loaded so that it sits deep enough in the water to counteract the buoyant tendency. The quantity of salt held in solution is so great that it is dangerous for one to swallow even a mouthful of the water, as it is liable to cause strangulation. Several deaths from this cause have ensued among persons who have ventured into the lake.—Chambers' Journal.

Very Old Trees.

An old yew tree stands in the churchyard at Fortingal, in Perthshire, which De Caudelle nearly a century ago proved to be twenty-five centuries old, and another is still standing at Hedor, in Bacia, which is 3,240 years old. How De Caudelle arrived at an apparently correct estimate of the enormous age of these living trees is a simple thing, and the principle is doubtless well known today to all. The yew, like most other trees, adds one line, about the tenth of an inch, to its circumference each year. But the oldest living thing in the world today as far as known is a cypress tree in Chapultepec, Mexico, that is 6,260 years old.

Hampton News and Advertisements

THE GAME THIS AFTERNOON.

Pill Rollers to Meet the Physicians For the Fourth Time.

Great interest centers in the game of baseball between the physicians and druggists of Hampton on the National Soldiers' Home diamond this afternoon.

The proceeds of the game will be devoted to the ambulance fund of the Dixie hospital. From the advance sale of tickets the indications are that a big crowd will witness the contest.

Cruelty to Animals.

Simon Clement, a seventeen year old colored boy, was arrested and committed to jail yesterday afternoon on the charge of cruelty to animals. He will be given a hearing before Mayor Jones this morning.

Fined For Assault.

Samuel Washington, colored, was fined \$1 and costs last night by Magistrate L. E. Smith on the charge of assaulting Daniel Jackson, also colored.

Mr. Atkinson Preached.

The Rev. Milo Atkinson, of the Thirtieth street Christian church, in Newport News, conducted the revival services at the Hampton Christian church last night.

Colored Man Breaks Leg.

Joe Banks, a colored man, had his left leg badly cut and probably broken by jumping from a moving trolley car at 10:50 o'clock last night. Banks attempted to leave the car before it stopped at the corner of King and Queen street and fell under the trailer. Dr. Harry D. Howe dressed his wounds.

Pleasant Lawn Party.

The ladies of Central Methodist church will hold a lawn party and supper on the beautiful lawn of Capt. D. W. Moger, in Locust street, this evening. Many very attractive features have been arranged for the occasion.

M'COWN MUST SERVE OUT HIS SENTENCE.

Supreme Court Refuses Writ of Habeas Corpus to Man Who Struck Judge.

(By Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 6.—The Supreme Court today denied the application of ex-Mayor McCowan, of Durham, N. C., for a writ of habeas corpus and directed that he serve the term of thirty days in jail to which he was sentenced for cursing and striking Judge George Ward, of the Supreme Court, because the judge refused to increase the sentence of a man who had killed McCowan's brother-in-law.

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